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Harrisonburg Given Spotlight for National Night Out Celebration

Harrisonburg has been recognized by the National Association of Town Watch for the city's efforts during National Night Out 2012. This year's event involved 37.5 million people in 15,700 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide. The Friendly City placed 31st nationally among cities with a population between 50,000 and 99,999 residents.

America's Night Out Against Crime, which was held on Aug. 7, was celebrated with a caravan of public safety professionals and civic leaders traveling to several neighborhoods throughout the city. Gatherings ranged in size from backyard setting off of Clay Street to a large community festival at the Lucy Simms Center in the Northeast Neighborhood.

"Our community is well-deserving of this award," said HPD's Chief of Police, Stephen Monticelli. "National Night Out is not just a police-involved event, it is a community-wide celebration and something we look forward to each year."

More information on National Night Out and the 2012 National Award Winners can be found at <http://nationalnightout.org/nno/>.

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